

**NEWS FROM MISSOURI VETERANS' HOME  
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**Message from Administration**



Celia Reed, Administrator

We had our annual survey March 7,8,9,2006. I am pleased to report we were deficiency free for the second year in a row. We are surveyed by the VA Medical Center of jurisdiction. For us that is the Kansas City VA Hospital. The surveyors were especially complimentary of our housekeeping department. Kudos to Sharon Foster, Director of Environmental Services. Our survey next year will be March 6, 7, 8, 2007.

Bryan Hunt was promoted to Assistant Superintendent of Homes effective March 16, 2006. He will oversee the daily operation of all seven Veterans Homes in Missouri, so we will still be seeing him periodically on a regular basis at the Cameron facility. Congratulations Bryan!

Our Special Care Unit now has two new nursing stations, thanks to the skills of our maintenance department. Instead of the one large nursing station, we now have two stations, one across from each dining room. This allows the nursing staff to remain in closer proximity to the residents in their living areas.

We have a new unit manager on Unit D, the Special Care Unit. She is Janet Sourk, R.N. Janet previously worked with Heartland Healthcare and has been an owner of residential care facilities in St. Joseph, Mo. We also welcome Bill Price, R.N. as the new unit manager for Unit A. He comes to us from working in the Emergency Room at North

Kansas City Hospital. The residents on Unit A are pleased to have a gentleman in charge of their care.

Celia A. Reed  
Administrator

**Up Coming Events**

**Mark your Calendars**

**April 28, 2006  
Volunteer and Donor reception  
at 7:00 p.m.  
Dining room of the Cameron  
Veterans Home**

**June 16, 2006  
Annual Assistance League Golf  
Tournament, held at the Cameron  
Veterans Memorial Golf Course**

**Donations**



Commander Mervin Adamson and Supervisor of Volunteer Service, Barbara Caldwell

American Legion Post #100, Maryville, donates \$2,000.00, to the Missouri Veterans Home Assistance League.

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Elks Lodge #2615, Cameron, MO; VFW Post # 5923, Camdenton, MO ; VFW Auxiliary # 5923, Camdenton, MO; VFW Auxiliary # 1668, and VFW Post #1668, St. Joseph, MO; VFW Auxiliary # 3464 ,Hale , MO; Grace Bartlett, St. Joseph, MO; DAV Chapter #6, St. Joseph, MO ; American Legion Post #100, Maryville, MO American Legion Auxiliary Unit 58, Smithville, MO. Tri Rivers Good SAMS Camping Club, Cameron, MO; Elks Lodge # 1001, Excelsior Springs, MO; VFW Auxiliary # 5717, Kearney, MO; Claude Gustine Post #236, Excelsior Springs, MO; American Legion Auxiliary # 557, Polo, MO; American Legion Post 626, Kansas City, MO, Pat Cress, St. Joseph, MO; Pete Guess, Altamont, MO; American Legion Auxiliary Unit #21, Independence, MO; DAV Chapter #2, Kansas City, MO; Military Order of the Purple Heart Ladies Auxiliary #115, Olathe, Kansas; American Legion Post #236, Excelsior Springs, MO; Missouri Daughters of the American Revolution, Olive Prindle DAR ,Chillicothe, MO; American Legion Post 501, Weston, MO; Betty Tait, Cameron, MO; American Legion Auxiliary #25, Chillicothe, MO; Kidder Baptist Church, Kidder, MO ; Gerald Golden, Holt, MO; Alma Carnoali, Kansas City, MO; Natalie Withers, Kansas City, MO; Vietnam Veterans Pathfinder Chapter # 848, Cameron, MO; Elks Lodge #26, Kansas City, MO; Della Curtis, Parkville, MO; Willis Bartlett, Kansas City, MO; American Legion Post #11, St. Joseph, MO; MOCA #19, St. Joseph, MO; VFW Post # 7159, Princeton, MO; American Legion Post 258, Concordia, MO; American Legion Post #33, Cameron, MO; Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Princeton, MO ;The Nichols Family, Cameron, MO; American Legion Auxiliary #315, Burlington JCT, MO; Farmers State Bank, Cameron, MO; Missouri Federal Savings Bank, Cameron, MO; American Legion Post # 393, Gower, MO; VFW Auxiliary #10906, Gladstone, MO 64118; VFW Post# 5717, Kearney, MO; American Legion Auxiliary #393, Gower, MO; American Legion Post 237, Richmond, MO; American Legion Post 264, Marceline, MO; VFW Auxiliary #5364, Maysville, MO; American Legion Post #284, Fairfax, MO; American Legion Post #359, St Joseph, MO; Lewis and Lois Wickens, Mound City, MO; Horizon State Bank, Cameron, MO; Bank Northwest, Hamilton, MO, American Legion Post #61, Kansas City, MO; American Legion Post #58, Smithville, MO; American Legion Post #0132, KingCity, MO; American Legion Post#233, Higginsville, MO; Rocky Ranch Collectibles, Cameron, MO; Elks Ladies Auxiliary, Cameron, Excelsior Springs, MO ;

Thanks to each of you. Please forgive me if I unintentionally left someone off this list.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS MADE IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING;

Make donations to;  
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Assistance League  
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Mail Check and Entry Form to:  
Barbara Caldwell, Volunteer Services

Payable to:  
Missouri Veterans' Home Assistance  
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Golf Tournament date, June 16, 2006 registration  
9:00am

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have a Team \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to play. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Yes, I need a Golf Cart (\$20. enclosed)  
(Please assign me to a team.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Part of a Corporate Team. \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee \$65. Per Person, unless you are a  
part of a Paid Corporate Team.

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**Workbench  
For Our Veterans**



MVH of Cameron has recently provided their veterans with another touch of home:

A workbench familiar to many men, and possibly identical too one they used all their lives. This work bench was created by the Missouri Veterans Home, Maintenance Department. The Workbench displays antique tools which are secured to a pegboard. It is accessorized with paintbrushes, fishing tackle, a barbeque apron made from cowhide, and a Nuts & Bolts Board.

For veterans experiencing cognitive impairment or regression, these objects are familiar, age appropriate, and reassure families that we strive to maintain dignity. Other Veterans have enjoyed reminiscing, speaking of their own garages, barns, of varying sizes and nuts or washers that can be worked up and down without coming loose.

Realizing we had a valuable and collection of tools.

The maintenance department was asked to create something for men; they started with the Nuts & Bolts Board which is based on equipment used for fine motor skills, however, it was not safe for residents to use unsupervised. Maintenance looked at the equipment for all of 30 seconds, and reproduced one that was safe. This board has bolts creative resource in the Maintenance department, we asked them to create an activity table for men, similar to a work bench. This became a project the entire department was vested in. Some worked on the wood, some the ideas, and others donated antique tools that belonged to their grandparents; he stated "My grandfather would be proud to have these tools donated to veterans." What they produced was a work of art. We remain grateful to this talented and dedicated group of men. As another maintenance worker stated "If only one veteran enjoys this bench, the effort has been worth it."

